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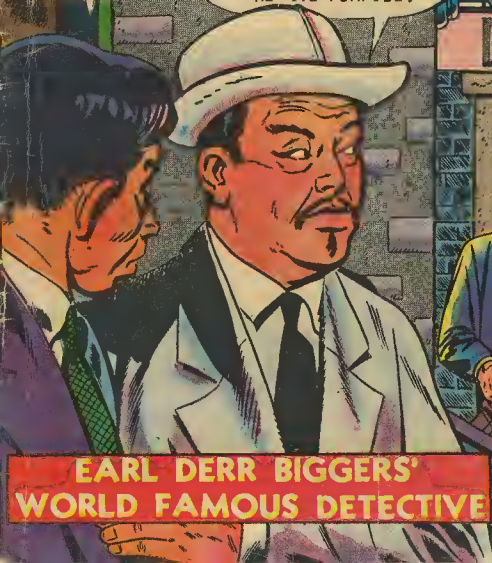
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I DONT GET IT POP! WHY ARE THEY DISGUISED TO LOOK LIKE US ?

SHHH... MAN WHO WOULD STALK TIGER IS WISE TO FIRST LEARN TIGER'S WEAKNESS !!! LET US WAIT... PERHAPS IMPERSONATORS WILL DECOY THE HUNTERS FOR OUR HUMBLE PURPOSE !

WIGS
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WORLD FAMOUS DETECTIVE

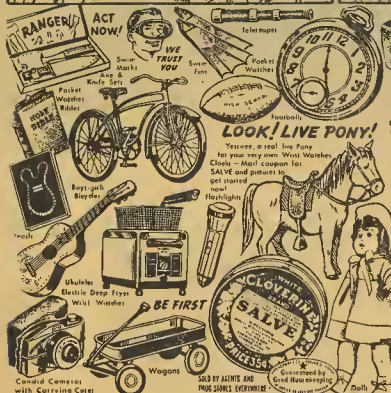


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Chinese Proverb
Say ---

"HE WHO LIVE
TOO CLEVERLY
MUST SOME-
TIME BECOME...

**CLEVER
VICTIM"**

BUT POP, IF HE WAS
DONE FOR IN HERE, WHY
WAS HE TAKEN OUT
OF THIS HOUSE
AND THROWN INTO
THE PILE OF KIND-
LING IN THE
WOODSHED?

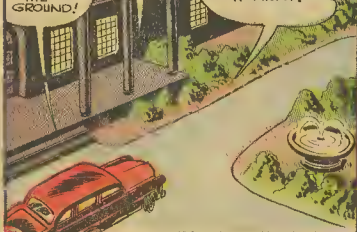
IN THIS HUMBLE ONE'S OPINION, VICTIM
CRAWLED THERE BEFORE HE DIED!
PERHAPS IN SEARCH OF SOMETHING!
IF WE GO TO WOODSHED, MAY FIND
WHAT ONE NOW WITH HONORABLE
ANCESTORS WAS SEEKING.



I'VE GOT
IT, BOSS!
I WAIT
WITH THE
CAR IN
THE
GARAGE!
JIMMY
WATCHES
THE
GROUND!

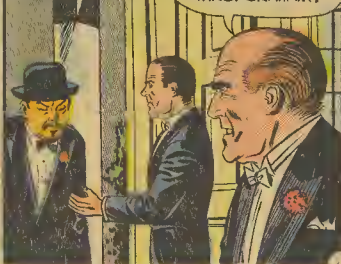
GOLLY, POP!
I'D LIKE TO
BE INSIDE
WITH YOU,
WHERE ALL
THE MILLION-
AIRES ARE!

LET NUMBER ONE
SON REMEMBER
THAT TROUBLE MAY
COME FROM OUT-
SIDE OR INSIDE!
WHO BEST PRE-
PARES FOR IT
IS MOST LIKELY
TO FRIGHTEN
IT AWAY!

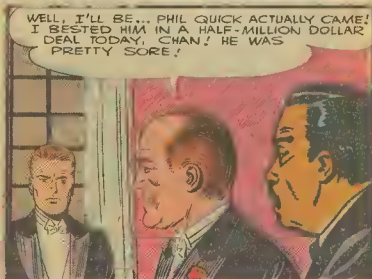
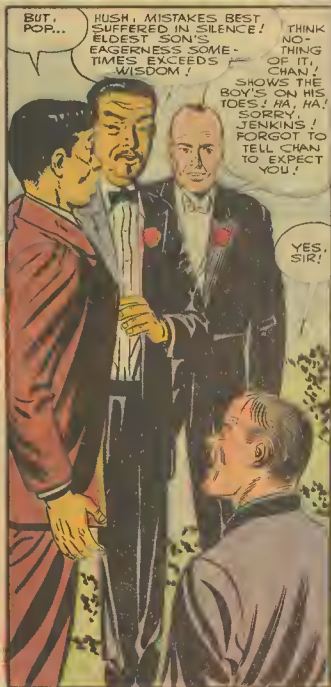
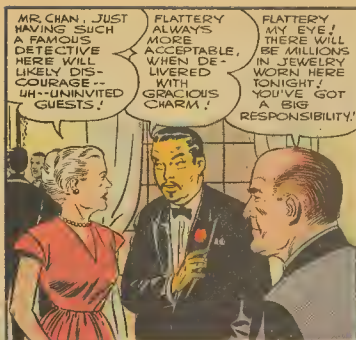


THIS LOWLY PERSON
PRESENTS SELF
TO THE HONORABLE
HIRAM GRAHAM!

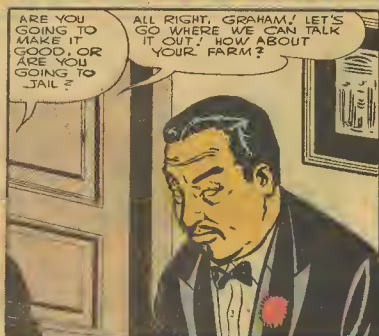
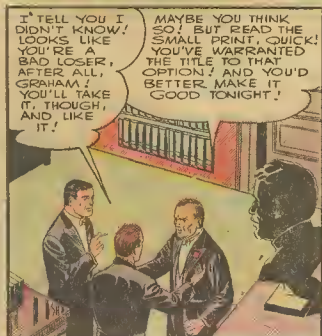
COME IN, CHAN!
SURE APPRECIATE
YOUR BEING ABLE
TO GUARD THIS
PARTY! I WANT
YOU TO MEET
MRS. GRAHAM!



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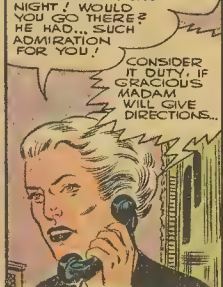
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THE NIGHT PASSES UNEVENTFULLY! EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...



AS WITH HONORABLE ANCESTORS, DAY HERALDED BY RINGING BELL!

OH, MR. CHAN, MR. GRAHAM WAS MURDERED AT THE FARM LAST NIGHT! WOULD YOU GO THERE? HE HAD... SUCH ADMIRATION FOR YOU!



IT IS A TWO-HOUR DRIVE TO THE GRAHAM FARM...



THERE'S THE BODY, CHARLIE! LYING HALF COVERED BY THE FILE OF KINDING IN THE WOODSHED! BUT THIS TIME, YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE-- WE'VE GOT THE GUILTY ONE IN JAIL NOW!

CAN UNDERSTAND SUSPICION OF QUICK! THIS PERSON HEARD SOME OF ARGUMENT!



HE WASN'T KILLED HERE, THOUGH! HE WAS KILLED IN THE HOUSE!

ASSUMED AS MUCH! WOULD LIKE VISIT TO SCENE WHERE VICTIM SENT TO ANCESTORS!



AT THE HOUSE...

BUT POP, EVEN IF IT'S PLAIN HE WAS FINISHED HERE, WHY WAS HE TAKEN TO THE WOODSHED?

BELIEVE VICTIM CRAWLED THERE AFTER SHOOTING! PERHAPS HONORABLE CONCEAL SOMETHING VICTIM WAS AFTER!

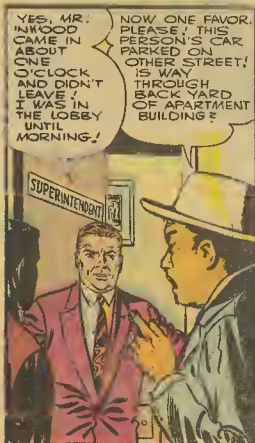
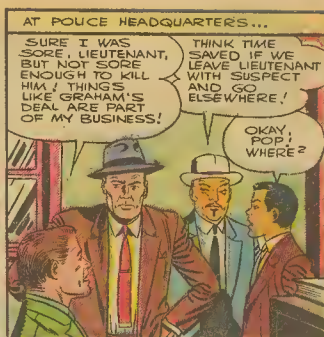
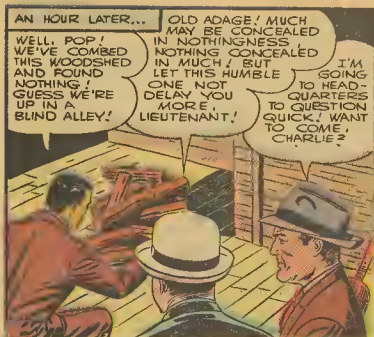


OUTSIDE, ON THE WAY BACK TO THE WOODSHED...

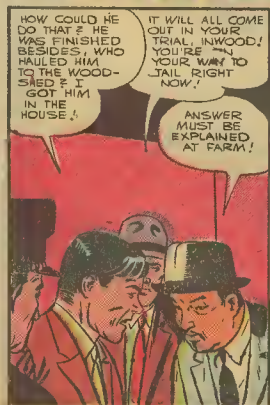
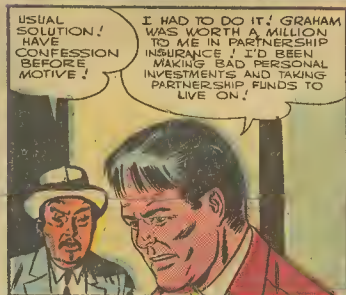
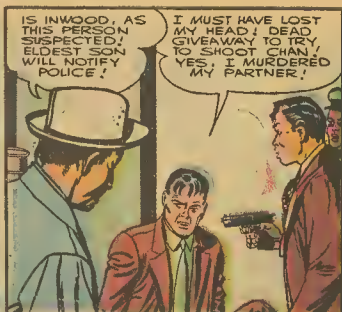
NOTICE HANDPRINT IN MUD! EVIDENT VICTIM PULLING BODY BY HANDS! BELIEVE INSPECTION OF WOODSHED MAY HOLD CLUE!



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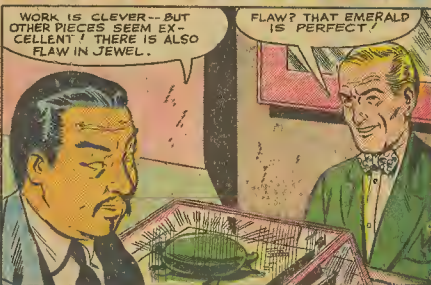
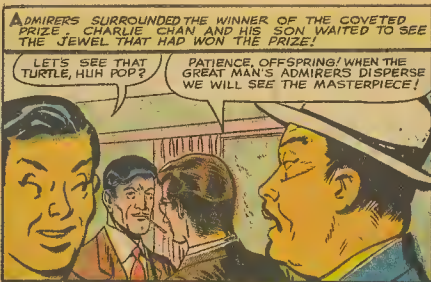


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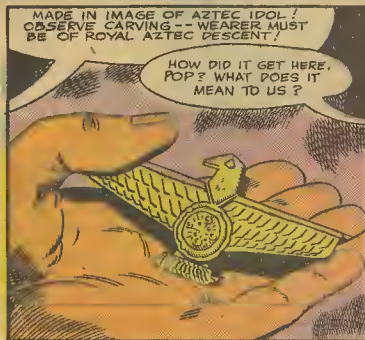
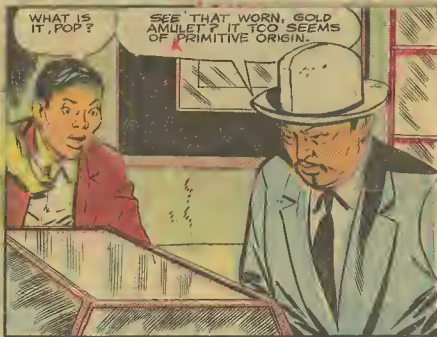
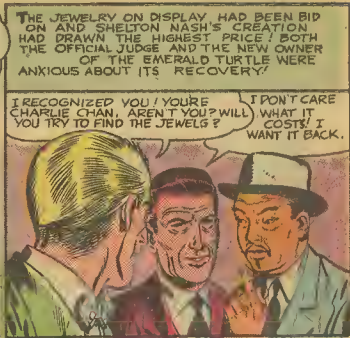
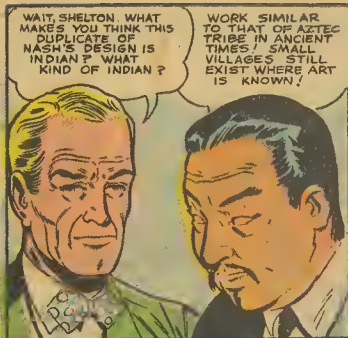




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COMMISSIONED WITH THE JOB OF RECOVERING THE STOLEN GREEN JEWEL, THE FAMOUS CHINESE DETECTIVE AND HIS SON TOOK OFF THAT DAY....

HEY, POP, WE'RE IN MEXICO! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

RESEARCH INDICATES THAT DUPLICATE JEWEL MOST LIKELY ORIGINATED IN KRISTO! SAME IN FOOTHILLS!

NUMBER ONE SON SAW SCENERY-- BUT NOT THE KIND HE HAD IN MIND!

THERE, SENOR! NOW I RETURN TO MY VILLAGE. THERE IS DANGER HERE!

MANY THANKS, SIR. WE TRAVEL ALONE NOW.

LOOK OUT, POP! SAVAGES!

THEIR CIVILIZATION ANCIENT AS OURS. IGNORANT ONE! HE IS BUT A SENTINEL.

YOU HAVE BUSINESS IN OUR VILLAGE?

MOTIVES ARE PEACEFUL ONES! HERE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RECENT LOSS.

STRANGER SAYS STRANGE WORDS! WHY COME HERE?

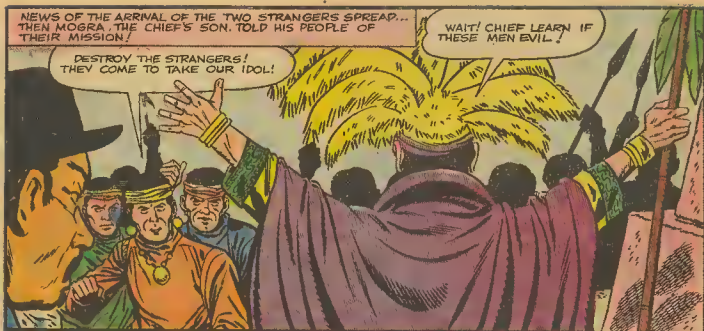
PATIENCE, MY FRIEND. IS CHIEF OF TRIBE AVAILABLE?

LATER, IN VILLAGE OF KRISTO....

I NOT INTRUDE WILLINGLY OLD ONE. I SEEK GREEN JEWEL, WHICH I THINK HERE!

YOU HAVE LOOK OF GOOD MAN-- BUT YOU WALK IN PERIL HERE! JEWEL YOU DESCRIBE IS PROPERTY OF MY PEOPLE!

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NEWS OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE TWO STRANGERS SPREAD... THEN MOGRA, THE CHIEF'S SON, TOLD HIS PEOPLE OF THEIR MISSION!

WAIT! CHIEF LEARN IF THESE MEN EVIL!

DESTROY THE STRANGERS! THEY COME TO TAKE OUR IDOL!



HOLD YOUR TONGUE, MOGRA! STRANGER-- DO YOU COVET THE JEWEL?

CURIOUS BAUBLE NOT DESIRED BY THIS HUMBLE SERVANT. WISH TO DETERMINE REAL OWNERSHIP AND ACTUAL CRIMINAL!



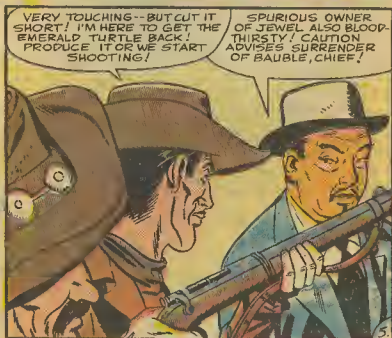
MAN WHO CALL HIMSELF NASH WAS HERE FOUR MOONS AGO. HE PRETENDED FRIENDSHIP, THEN LEFT IN THE NIGHT--JEWEL LEFT WITH HIM! I WENT AND TOOK IT BACK, LEFT COPY MADE BY CRAFTSMAN HERE!



A MURMUR AROSE -- THE VILLAGE KNEW THIS TO BE TRUE!

CHIEF'S SON'S METHODS ILLEGAL-- BUT NOT WITHOUT MERIT!

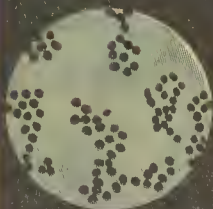
YOU ARE GOOD MAN!



VERY TOUCHING--BUT CUT IT SHORT! I'M HERE TO GET THE EMERALD TURTLE BACK! PRODUCE IT OR WE START SHOOTING!

SPURIOUS OWNER OF JEWEL ALSO BLOOD-THIRSTY! CAUTION ADVISES SURRENDER OF BAUBLE, CHIEF!

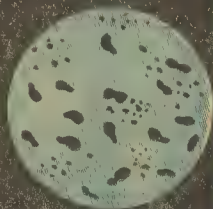
KILL THESE HAIR-DESTROYING GERMS



Staphylococcus albus



Corynebacterium acnes



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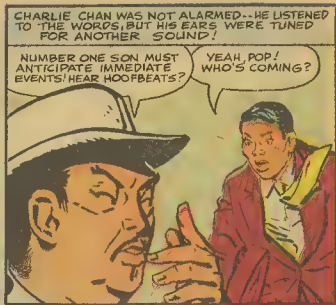
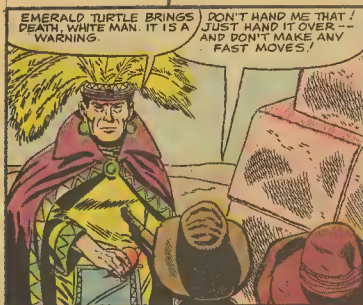
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DOUBLE MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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Chinese Proverb
Say ---

"JEWELS NEED NO
PROTECTION AGAINST
HONEST MEN --BUT
NO LOCK CAN
KEEP OUT THIEVES
ESPECIALLY
IF IT IS ...
**THE LOCK
WITHOUT A
KEY "**

NUMBER ONE
SON SWITCH
LIGHTS--IDENTITY
OF THIEF WILL
BE APPARENT."

YOU INFERNAL MEDDLER!
YOU'VE RUINED EVERY-
THING WITH YOUR
CONFOUNDED
SNOOPING!

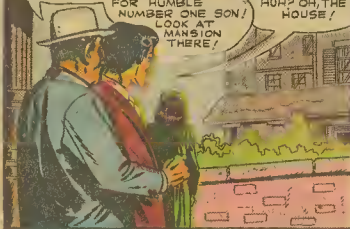
WATCH
IT, POP!
HE'S GOT
A CLUB!



IT BEGAN AS A HOLIDAY-- **CHARLIE CHAN**
TOOK HIS NUMBER ONE SON FOR A WALK
TO SHOW HIM HOW THE ELITE LIVED!
BUT THE NUMBER ONE SON WAS IM-
PRESSED BY ALL THE WRONG
THINGS....

WEALTH IS NOT
EVIL IN ITSELF... JUDICIOUS
WORK CAN WIN FORTUNE
FOR HUMBLE
NUMBER ONE SON!
LOOK AT
MANSION
THERE!

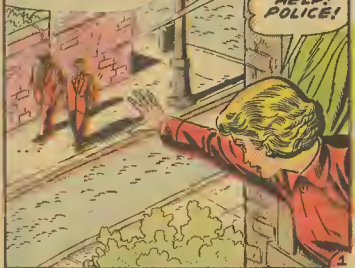
SHE'S REALLY
BUILT, POP!
HUH? OH, THE
HOUSE!



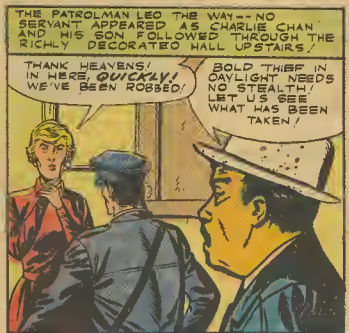
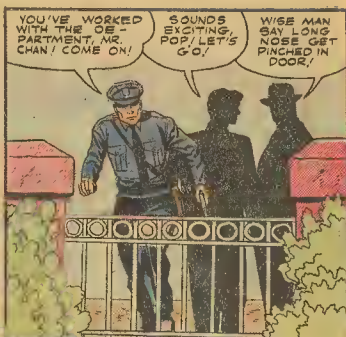
FRIVOLITY WINS NO
PRIZES! THIS IS
HOME OF CHANNING
BOWLES, CLUBMAN
AND YACHTSMAN!

LOOKS LIKE ALL'S
NOT WELL IN THE
BOWLES PALACE,
POP!

HELP!
POLICE!



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MY WIFE AND I WERE DRESSING FOR THE OPERA / MY WIFE DIDN'T DISCOVER THE LOSS TILL SHE WENT TO THE SAFE / THE SERVANTS ARE OFF TODAY, OF COURSE /

CHANNING BOWLES' HOSTILE ATTITUDE PUZZLED THE CHINESE DETECTIVE BUT HE WENT ON WITH HIS MILD, INOFFENSIVE QUESTIONS!

THERE'S BEEN A MAJOR CRIME COMMITTED MR. BOWLES / IT MATTERS TO THE POLICE!

MR BOWLES TAKES CRIME LIGHTLY / IT SEEMS / WISE MAN SAID, EVIL IS HONEST MAN'S ENEMY!

MOST CURIOUS! YOU AND WIFE ON SAME FLOOR NOT HEARING SOUND OF STEEL SAFE BEING FORCED OPEN, PLEASE EXPLAIN!

WE CAN'T EXPLAIN-- IT'S UP TO YOU FELLOWS TO WE HAVE INSURANCE, IT DOESN'T MATTER!



YOU TWO HAVE NO OFFICAL CONNECTION WITH THE POLICE / GET OUT, OR I'LL THROW YOU OUT!

POP SAY THE WORD AND I'LL...

CHARLIE CHAN LEFT... NUMBER ONE SON FURIOUS, IT WAS BEGINNING TO GET DARK AS THEY ARRIVED IN THE STREET...

POP, ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY WITH THROWING US OUT?

THOUGHT PRECEDES ACTION, MY SON, / MR. BOWLES ACTED-- NOW HUMBLE DETECTIVE SEEKS MOVE TO MAKE HIM THINK!



AN HOUR LATER IT WAS DARK! AND TWO FIGURES, ONE SLIM, THE OTHER PORTLY, STEAL SILENTLY INTO THE SHRUBBERY BESIDE THE HOUSE!

HEY, POP HERE'S AN OPEN WINDOW!



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HONORABLE SON MOST AGILE! THIS UNWORTHY ONE PERHAPS NOT SO FORTUNATE!

I'LL PULL YOU UP, POP!

COME ON, POP, WRIGGLE OVER THE SILL!

THIS HUMBLE ONE MOST OBESE! STOMACH IS MAJOR OBSTACLE IN THIS TYPE EXERCISE!

A MURMUR OF VOICES COULD BE HEARD IN THE NEXT ROOM; THE FAMOUS OBJECTIVE AND HIS SON LISTENED A MOMENT, AND THEN!

SO WHAT IF YOU DID LOSE YOUR JEWELS? THE INSURANCE COMPANY HAS PROMISED TO MAKE FULL PAYMENT!

HEY, POP, MR. BOWLES SOUNDS LIKE HE'S GLAD THE JEWELS WERE ---

SILENCE, FOOLISH ONE!

YOUNG FEET MUST BE SILENT! GO TO BOWLES' ROOM UPSTAIRS! WAIT! THIS HUMBLE PERSON WILL WAIT IN ROOM WITH SAFE!

OKAY, POP! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S UP, BUT I'LL COOPERATE!!

QUIET! JEWELS NOT REMOVED FROM DOMICILE! WAIT AND WATCH FOR THIEF TO RETURN!

THE HOURS PASSED—CHARLIE CHAN IN THE ROOM WHERE THE SAFE WAS OPENED, HIS SON IN THE ROOM OF CHANNING BOWLES!

HONORABLE HOST APPEARS CONCERNED! WIFE GRIEVES BUT HOST **WORRIES!** WORRY IS FOR COMING EVENTS, GRIEF FOR PAST SORROW!

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TWO HOURS PASSED---
AND CHARLIE CHAN
WONDERED IF NUMBER
ONE SON WAS STILL
UNDETECTED.

HUMBLE SON PERHAPS
ASLEEP-- OR LOOKING
OUT WINDOW AT GIRLS.

SSSHH, POP! BOWLES IS
STILL AWAKE!

THERE WASN'T A SOUND IN
THE MANSION... BUT CHARLIE
CHAN FELT THE NEARNESS
OF EVIL!

CAUTION, FOOLISH ONE!
VIOLENCE WAITS TO
PRESENT ITSELF!

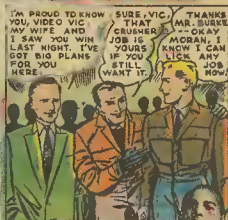
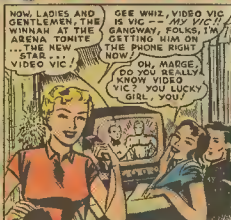
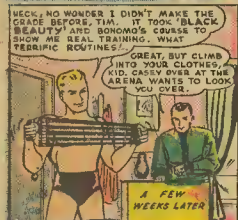
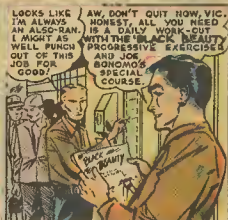
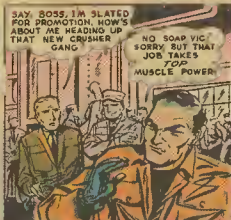


GRAB HIM, POP!
THERE'S THE
STOLEN JEWELS!

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THE NOISE AWAKENED THE HOUSEHOLD --- MRS. BOWLES WAS THE FIRST ON THE SCENE ---



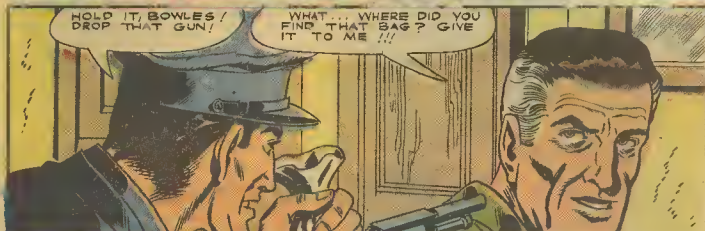
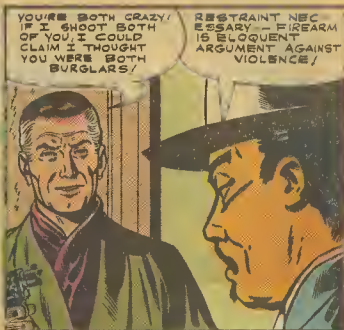
CHAN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU AND YOUR SON TO CLEAR OUT!



I DON'T CARE! THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL HANDLE IT! NOW GET OUT! HOLD IT, BOWLES! POP LOOK AT HIS KNUCKLES! HE HIT ME!



CHARLIE CHAN



"PAYROLL PINCH"

"The contents of the Book of Procedures is getting fatter and fatter," remarked Al Norton of Special Squad. "In another year we will be able to use it as a sort of bullet proof vest. When my grandpop was on the force in Chicago things were much simpler."

"Depends upon how you look at it," replied his buddy, Detective Ben Egan. "When conditions change in the way a crime is committed and the manner in which criminals operate, then in order to get the law breakers, we too must use different techniques. In the days when your grandpop pounded a beat, you didn't have automobiles. Yet today in order to fight the criminal who uses a car to escape from the scene of his crime, we use the radio to set up a road block."

"Guess you're right, Ben," admitted Al Norton as he slipped page 476A into the Book of Procedures. "The new sheet from the Bureau of Orders points out how careful we must be when we search a prisoner. The brass tube fillers for ball point pens have served as makeshift keys to open handcuffs. So from now on, when we remove a prisoner's property we have to also watch out for his fountain pen."

The phone rang and Norton answered it. No need to continue on the topic of rules.

"Chief Edward Mirkus wants us in his office at once. A payroll was snatched from a girl secretary. Come on! We don't want to keep the Chief waiting."

The police chief was proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle anything from ordinary routine matter to the toughest assignment. The door to his office was opened and they walked in.

"Get over to the Winston Shirt Company. Located at 7903 East Meadows Avenue. Big building. They're on the fourth floor. You'll find Patrolman Jim Davis of the 29th Precinct there. The girl ran out of the building screaming for help. Patrolman Davis was on a foot beat. So he was the first on the scene."

Half hour later both detectives were in the private office of John Winston, head of the shirt outfit that carried his family's name. A thin girl with black hair cropped close to her head was in a chair sobbing.

"It was all my fault," she kept repeating. "I should have at least tried to put up a fight."

"I would rather have a live secretary than a dead heroine," comforted John Winston. "We carry payroll insurance. So you did the proper thing. I am sure the police will do their best to get the thief."

Al Norton and Ben Egan identified themselves and then Ben spoke to the girl.

"Tell us how it happened and we'll get to work on the case at once."

The girl, whose name was Mari Clark, dried her eyes and then began to speak slowly as though it were an effort to recount the details of that most unpleasant event.

"There are three elevators in this building.

Two are self service and only the freight elevator has an operator. I took the second self service elevator. It was partly dark. I guess one of the electric bulbs wasn't working. Suddenly I felt something in my back. A voice told me it was a gun; it had a silencer on it. I would be killed if I screamed. Underneath my right arm in a small briefcase were the payroll envelopes. The man grabbed it from me. Then made me turn around so I didn't see him. He pushed the button to take me to the sixth floor and then another button to bring me down again. When I came back to the main floor I ran out and screamed for help. An officer came up to me and brought me back to the office."

Both detectives listened attentively and weighed every word she spoke.

"How much was in that payroll briefcase?" said Detective Al Norton to Mr. Winston.

CHARLIE CHAN

"Almost ten thousand dollars," replied the owner of the shirt company. "It's made up at the bank. They have a special department for doing just that. I send them a check and a list two days ahead of time. Then my secretary calls for it."

"We want to look around," advised Ben Egan. "Ask Miss Clark to remain here. We may want to take her down to police headquarters for further questioning."

Both detectives went down to the lobby of the building. Patrolman Jim Davis was still there.

"Did you see anyone run away from the building?" asked Norton. "Or anyone acting suspiciously?"

"I was turning in from Broad Street, going south," replied the officer, "when I heard this dame right outside the building give a scream. The kind that could stop a lion dead in his tracks. She told me the whole story. I didn't see anyone. But that doesn't mean a thing; the crook could have gone the other way."

"Just what did you hear from her?" demanded Detective Egan. "Maybe she forgot to tell us an important detail. So do your best to remember every word."

The officer took out a notebook from his back pocket and smiled.

"I've got to follow the Book of Procedures. Rule 35 says to put it down in writing. Guess you can read the way I scribble. Here's her whole statement."

Ben Egan read it first and then handed it to Al Norton. Both men looked at each other.

"Let's go and find the operator of the freight elevator. Why wasn't he around?" suggested Norton.

Both detectives went back into the building and located the freight elevator operator in the basement. He was an old man and constantly put his hand to his ear as they spoke.

"I run errands for the people here," he explained. "I went to the Post Office to mail a package for one of the salesmen who works for the Winston Shirt Company. Gave me a dollar to take the package. I wasn't around when that hold-up took place."

The two detectives looked at each other and Ben Egan spoke first.

"Suppose we take the girl to headquarters. We'll put her story on tape."

John Winston was shocked at the idea when the detectives mentioned it to him.

"My secretary has suffered enough. She should be sent home at once."

"Sorry," half apologized Al Norton. "But there is a Book of Procedures. Want me to quote the rules?"

"I'll go with them, Mr. Winston," interrupted Mari Clark. "I DO want to help the law."

At headquarters Miss Clark spoke into a microphone. Then she listened to the playback of what she said.

"Why did you fake the robbery?" shot Detective Norton at her.

"And who has the payroll now?" added Detective Ben Egan.

The girl started to get hysterical and sway from side to side but it didn't affect the two men in the least.

"Stop the play acting," warned Ben Egan. "You're only making it harder for yourself. We have the goods on you and will prove it in a court of law."

It was like throwing ice water on her face. She stopped sobbing at once and looked like a frightened child.

"Every word you told us, you told the officer, and you did the same on the tape recording," explained Detective Egan. "That could mean only one thing. You memorized your story word for word. You weren't going to take a chance on a slip-up. Now who planned this and got you into it?"

An hour later Mari Clark decided to talk. Especially after Mr. Winston came over to headquarters.

"Phil Sheering, your best salesman, put me up to it," admitted Mari. "Said he would marry me if I got the money for him. He had lost a lot at the races. He was the one who sent the elevator operator to the Post Office. He took the briefcase and hid it in the basement."

"You poor fool," retorted her boss, "Phil Sheering just played you for a sucker."

Mari Clark cried again. Then she did some thinking. That was five hours later after the brief case had been recovered and Phil Sheering arrested.

"If nothing has been taken or lost, then they'll let me go, won't they?" she half pleaded.

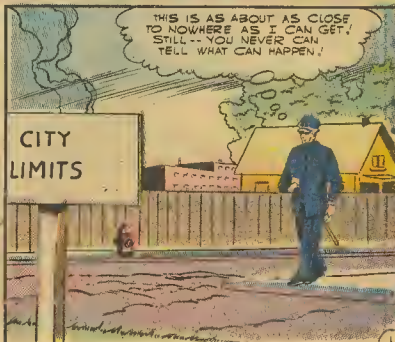
"First you spend a couple of years behind bars," reminded Detective Al Norton, "then they'll let you go."

— The End —

CHARLIE CHAN

POLICE WORK IN A QUIET PRECINCT CAN BE DULL -- NOT A PLACE WHERE REPUTATIONS ARE MADE AND SPARKING CAREERS ARE LAUNCHED! BOB CLARKE, FRESH OUT OF THE POLICE ACADEMY, HAD NO INTENTION OF THROWING IN THE SPONGE AND SETTLING FOR A MEDIOCRE RECORD -- HIS ENTHUSIASM WAS UNAFFECTED WHEN HE SAW THE DREARY ASSIGNMENT HE'D GOTTEN. IT WAS A...

BEAT IN THE BUSHES



CHARLIE CHAN

BOB CLARKE FINISHED HIS FIRST TOUR OF DUTY FEELING SICK AT HEART... BUT HE STILL WORE A SMILE WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE STATION HOUSE...

HOW'S THINGS IN THE DEEP FOREST, BOB? QUIET?!"

COURSE NOT, I SAW THREE PEOPLE AND SIX COWS! I CAUGHT A JACKRABBIT SPEEDING- BUT I COULDN'T STOP HIM TO ISSUE A TICKET!

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YOU HEARD ME KNUCKLE-HEAD! I SAID YOU STEPPED ON MY FOOT!

I DON'T KNOW YOU, BUDDY, BUT I APOLOGIZED ONCE! I DIDN'T MEAN TO -- THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY!

THAT'S NOT ENOUGH! YOU NEED TO LEARN MANNERS!

ARE YOU... CUT THAT OUT!

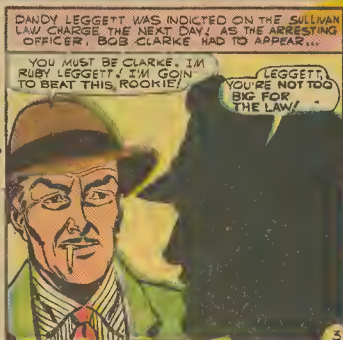
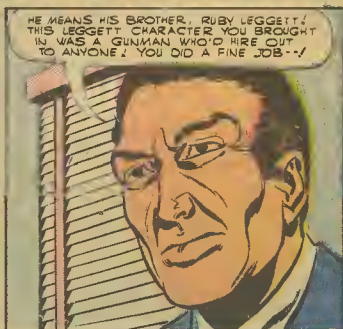
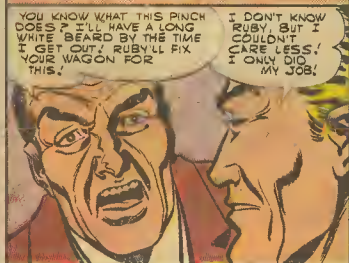
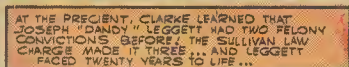
OKAY, MAC-- YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT! NOW TAKE IT EASY OR YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE!

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PATROLMAN CLARKE REPORTED THE NEAR-MISS TO CAPTAIN EDWARDS AT THE PRECINCT. EDWARDS CALLED THE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU AND CHECKED THE LICENSE NUMBER...

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YES, SIR! IT MEANS THAT LEGGETT IS OUT TO STOP ME SO I CAN'T TESTIFY AT HIS BROTHER'S TRIAL! NEXT TIME HE TRIES, I'LL NAIL HIM!

CLARKE'S BEAT WAS LONELY ENOUGH DURING THE DAY... BUT AT NIGHT, EVEN THE HORSES WERE ABSENT! LATER THAT WEEK...

LEGGETT'S KIND OF NIGHT! HE BETTER NOT STEP OUT OF LINE AGAIN, I'LL BE READY!

THERE HE IS, PAL! MORRY'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET! WE GOT HIM COLD!

REMEMBER, IF WE MISS, DANDY GOES UP FOR TWENTY YEARS!

YOU MISSED, YOU DOPE! MAKE SURE THIS TIME!

CHARLIE CHAN



BOB CLARKE THOUGHT HE WAS THROUGH! BUT CAPTAIN EDWARDS HAD FIGURED ON RUBY LEGGETT'S SECOND TRY AT CLARKE...

THE PARTY'S OVER, RUBY! GET YOUR HANDS OVER YOUR HEAD, QUICK!

IT WAS A TRAP!



I'M STILL STUDYING AND STILL TALKING TO THE COWS -- BUT ANY BEAT IS A GOOD ONE IF YOUR MIND IS ON YOUR JOB! EVEN A BEAT OUT HERE IN THE BUSHES!



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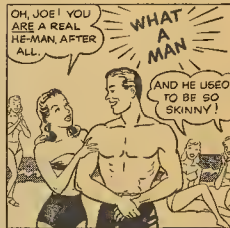
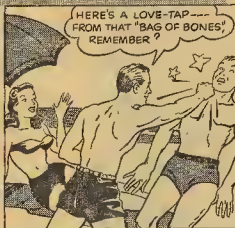
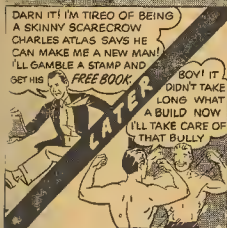
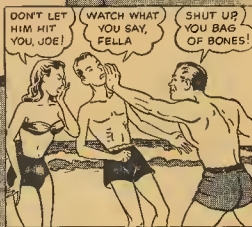
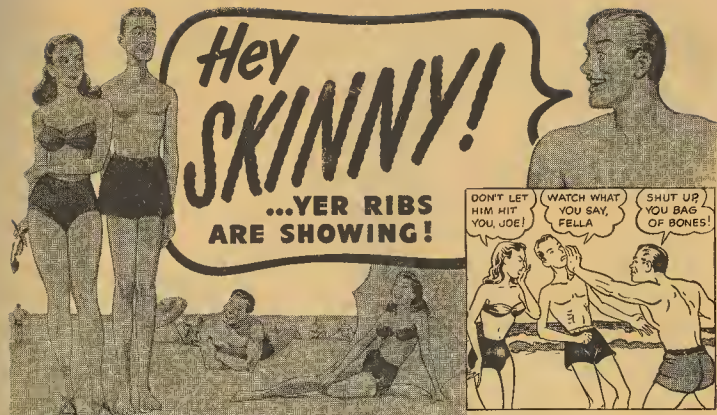
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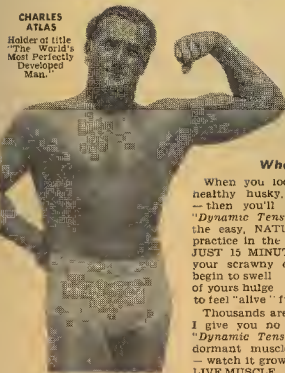
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